



## Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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### Minutes – February 21, 2008

Chair Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

Present were: Selectmen Brett Jones, Richard Fennelly Jr., Cynthia Donaldson, Chris Tadema-Wielandt, S. Josephine Cooper; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon

**Agenda** – No changes were offered to the agenda.

**Minutes of February 7, 2008** - Chris noted he submitted very minor changes to Stu the previous day. Jo moved to approve the minutes with the changes. Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Expenditure warrant 17** – Stu noted that a payee was changed from a previous version of the warrant after receiving a note from a payee on an overpayment refund that indicated he wished to donate the overpayment to the school. Stu said the check is being made out to the PATRONS. Selectmen signed the warrant for \$45,121.92

**Cash & Budget Report** – Stu noted the Veterans Memorial Fund is just a few dollars short of having enough to pay the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment in full. There was a short discussion about the public safety budget and the cost of diesel fuel.

**Town Meeting Warrant** – Selectmen discussed the warrant prior to signing, including revenue sources, the cell phone tower revenue article, the need for an LD-1 override, and whether to keep the budget article for ditching on the warrant. Jo moved to sign the warrant as presented. Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Selectmen signed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for April 1&2, 2008.**

**Building Use Policy** – Stu said the agenda item was prompted by the Democratic Caucus on February 10<sup>th</sup> which saw over 100-people turn out. He said the building was not big enough to handle such a crowd. Cynthia said the processed worked as it should when town clerk Jennifer Kovacs said there were too many people; they relocated to the school building. There was a discussion about the wisdom of renting the Town Office to outside groups for meeting use. Selectmen said they would take a draft of the policy home and mull it over for a future agenda item.

**Town Report** – Stu said he had one more page to insert that arrived a couple hours before the meeting. Chris said he had some very minor edits and handed them in. Selectmen discussed the historic diary entries that are appearing in the report.

**MDOT Project List** – Stu said he'd typed up the list of projects to the MDOT to submit for the next cycle. The list includes:

- Reconstruction of Route 184 in North Lamoine
- Repaving and fixing shoulders of Route 204 on Pinkhams Flats and Partridge Cove Road
- Reconstruction of Mud Creek Road
- Repairs and shoulders on Route 184 from Latona Lane to Lamoine Beach
- Looking at the possibilities of fixing the boat ramp at Lamoine Beach Park
- Removal of frost heave on Partridge Cove Road east of Raccoon Cove Road.

There was a short discussion about the extremely rough shape of the state and local roads this winter. Selectmen did not request any changes to the list, and Jo signed the state form for submission.

**Bangor Hydro Electric Request to use posted roads** – Jo moved to approve the request. Cynthia 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Veterans Memorial Update** – Jo noted the committee did not meet last night as many members were not available. She said they would like to do some ceremony on Memorial Day. Stu suggested contacting the American Legion for ideas. Richard asked if the fund to pay for the memorial needed another \$10,000. Jo said that was correct.

**School Consolidation** – Cynthia reported that all the action is in the Legislature at this point. She said she printed a letter to Legislators signed by many school planning officials in the area. She said the letter was in support of keeping the school union option alive, and she passed around copies of the letter.

There was a brief discussion about some of the articles written by Brian Hubbel. Richard asked where the process stands for Lamoine. Cynthia said they are waiting on legislation. She said the Union 92 group pulled together and was supporting the effort to allow school unions. She said the group says it can't come up with a consolidation plan under the current guidelines, and there has been little constructive communication from the State Department of Education.

Richard asked whether Lamoine was going to stay the course and look for consolidation partners or if it was going to do something different. Cynthia said the Lamoine Regional Planning Committee members have not met since the first of the year. She said Lamoine and Otis were hurt disproportionately by the legislation.

Richard asked if the proposal from Senator Damon was designed to look at the costs incurred by each community. A short discussion followed. Stu said he didn't think the amendment from Senator Damon had much of a shot at passing

as the House seems to be against it, as well as the Governor and state education department. Cynthia urged folks to contact their state representative if they think Sen. Damon's amendment should be passed and sent on for signature.

**Criminal Trespass Case (N. Salisbury)** – Stu reported he put a request purportedly made under the Freedom of Information Act from Neil Salisbury in the Selectmen's packets. He said the communication from Town Attorney Tony Beardsley indicated that Mr. Salisbury has not requested any specific documents, but seems more interested in the town providing legal opinions. Stu said the advice from Mr. Beardsley was that no response to his letter was necessary. Stu noted that both he and Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs had received a subpoena in advance of Mr. Salisbury's trial.

**Bangor Hydro Line Maintenance** – Stu said Bangor Hydro sent out its annual notice that if the town wanted to maintain power lines at the transfer station and salt/sand shed, it could. He said he did not recommend that. Selectmen agreed to not waive maintenance from Bangor Hydro.

**Meeting Schedule** – The following schedule will be used for the spring:

- a. Regular Meetings: March 6, 20
- b. Town Meeting: April 1 & 2
- c. Regular Meetings: April 3, 17
- d. Regular Meetings: May 1, 15, 29
- e. Regular Meetings: June 12, 26

Cynthia noted she would not be available at the March 6, 2008 meeting. Selectmen expressed concern about meeting on April 3, 2008. Stu said he would anticipate that would simply be to sign the warrant, swear in the newly elected Selectman, and choose a chair.

**Executive Session** – Jo moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1MRSA §405(6) to discuss a building security matter. Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0 at 8:02 PM. Out at 8:04 PM**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst.